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| **VISTA Host Site: The Citadel** |
| **VISTA(s): Carman W Fowler, Donnie Chestnut** |
| **Title of event: MLK Day Parade & MLK Day of Service** |
| **Date, time and location of the event:**  **Jan. 16th, 7:30am – 5:00pm in Charleston, South Carolina (Parade: Downtown Area; Afternoon Service: Charles Towne Landing, Sweetgrass Gardens, Charleston Development Academy)** |

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| **Total Volunteers** | **Total Hours Served** | **Total Individuals Served** |
| Students:  85 student volunteers  Community Members:  21 Faculty/Staff volunteers  Veterans:  3 Veteran volunteers | Students:  466 hours served  Community Members:  92 hours served by Faculty/Staff members  Veterans:  15 hours served | Children: 75  Adults: N/A  Undetermined age: N/A  Veterans: N/A |

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| **Total Resources Leveraged** | |
| In-kind: N/A | Cash: N/A |

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| **Choose the primary focus of your MLK Day Project(s):** |
| Veterans and Military Families  Disaster Services Economic Opportunity  Healthy Futures  Environmental Stewardship  Education  Food Access  Serving Individuals with Disabilities  Other (Please Explain):  Community Building: Since our sites throughout the day were so varied, our focus was determined to be community building. We aimed to support our local community partners and use our time and manpower to complete projects that would bolster and improve their day to day proceedings as they serve the community in various, important ways. |

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| **Total Number of Community Partner Sites: 4** |
| **List under the accurate focus area the full name of the community partner(s) utilized for MLK Day events AND describe the activities for each location.** |
| Veterans and Military Families: |
| Disaster Services Economic Opportunity:  Charles Towne Landing: Volunteers worked to clear the puma cage of debris still left over from Hurricane Matthew so that the animals could be returned to their cage – by returning them the animals are given a more open area and visitors will have a more educational experience by being able to actually see the animals. |
| Healthy Futures: |
| Environmental Stewardship: |
| Education:  Charleston Development Academy: Volunteers worked to clear out the building which will serve as the new middle school location for CDA. They cleared out debris, removed leftover furniture and items, and sweeped the rooms going to be used as classrooms in the future. CDA is a Title I school serving local youth in the Charleston area to provide them with a quality education and is currently in its 8th year of operation. |
| Food Access:  Sweetgrass Gardens: Volunteers spent their time clearing away invasive species that had grown into the farm area and digging irrigation trenches to keep the fields from flooding. All food that is grown at Sweetgrass is given away to individuals who are homeless or in need through local churches around the greater Charleston area. |
| Serving Individuals with Disabilities: |
| Other (Please Explain):  MLK Day Parade: Volunteers participated in a parade that has huge significance in Charleston, especially for the African American population, as the route follows in the footsteps of the march made by Coretta Scott King with MUSC medical staff on strike to gain equal pay. Presence in this parade is an unprecedented move for The Citadel, demonstrating the college’s active engagement in the surrounding community. |